



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the United States Marshals Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Justin Thompson, age 22 of Papillion, was sentenced for his receipt of child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Thompson to a five year term of prison. After he is released from prison, Thompson will begin a 5 year term of supervised release. Thompson must also register as a sex offender.

On January 27, 2010, an Investigator with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, working as part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Crime Task Force, was using a computer searching for individuals involved in the receipt and distribution of child pornography. The Investigator was able to download two videos from a computer belonging to Justin Thompson. Both videos involved prepubescent children. One of the videos involved a nine year old in a sexual act, the other involved bondage of an eight year old girl.

The Cyber Crimes Task Force served a search warrant on Thompson's apartment on March 16, 2010. Officers recovered eighty-five images of child pornography from a computer and two videos of child pornography from a separate thumb drive.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This matter was investigated by the Omaha FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force, of which the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska State Patrol are partners. The Omaha CCTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of eleven federal, state and local law enforcement agencies from Nebraska and Iowa. The mission of the Omaha CCTF is to investigate and apprehend high technology criminals and to protect our communities by preventing high technology crime and

national security threats involving computers and computer networks. The Omaha CCTF was established on the premise that the capabilities of law enforcement agencies to investigate computer and high technology related crimes are enhanced in a task force setting involving the sharing of resources and expertise.

Name of Defendant: Justin Thompson

AKA:

Age: 22

City of residence: Papillion

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography, 5-20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 5 years to life term of supervised release, \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Papillion, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Papillion, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 27th day of January, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: July 16, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: June 23, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: July 16, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): September 10, 2010

Sentencing Date: December 6, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released from Custody

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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